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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF VICE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL REMARKS AS
DELIVERED AT RHEIN/MAIN AIRBASE, FRANKFURT, MAY 14, 1976:

BEGIN TEXT

"MR. MINISTER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME. MRS. ROCKEFELLER
AND I BEGAN OUR STAY IN GERMANY WITH A VISIT TO BERLIN. IT IS
ALWAYS A MOVING EXPERIENCE TO VISIT THAT GREAT CITY IN WHICH SO
MANY GALLANT MEN AND WOMEN PRACTICE COURAGE AND, THEREFORE, LIVE
IN FREEDOM.

"WE ARE DELIGHTED NOW TO BE HERE IN FRANKFURT. IT IS PARTICULARLY
APPROPRIATE THAT WE CONTINUE OUR VISIT BY COMING TO YOUR
WONDERFUL CITY OF FRANKFURT, SO RICH IN HISTORY, A CITY WHICH
HAS MADE HISTORIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY
AND LIBERTY.

"THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES MAY BE
GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTANT, BUT THE MILES QUICKLY DISSOLVE IN THE
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WARMTH OF OUR FRIENDSHIP. AND WE AMERICANS FEEL ESPECIALLY

CLOSE TO OUR GERMAN FRIENDS AND ALLIES THIS YEAR BECAUSE YOU ARE JOINING SO ENTHUSIASTICALLY IN THE CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S 200TH BIRTHDAY.

"ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT FORD AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, LET ME SAY HOW HONORED WE ARE BY THE FACT THAT YOU ARE MARKING OUR BICENTENNIAL WITH OVER 4,000 EVENTS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. MRS. ROCKEFELLER AND I CONSIDER IT A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO COME TO FRANKFURT TO REPRESENT PRESIDENT FORD AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AT THIS MOST IMPRESSIVE OF ALL THESE EVENTS.

"WE ARE THRILLED TO BE BANK IN GERMANY--THE LAND OF OUR FATHERS."
END TEXT.

2. VICE PRESIDENT ADDED REMARKS OF APPRECIATION DIRECTED AT AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES WHO WERE ON HAND TO WELCOME HIM FOR THEIR SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTRY AND THE ALLIANCE. LEHMANN

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